

Surah 75 Surah Qiyaamah

(The Day of) QIYAAMAH

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH QIYAAMAH AND THE OTHER SURAHs

Apart from rejecting *Towheed*, the *Mushrikeen* also rejected the belief in *Qiyaamah* along with the rewards and punishment in the *Aakhirah*. Therefore, Allaah emphasises belief in *Qiyaamah* from *Surah Qiyaamah* up to the end of *Surah Taariq* (*Surah 86*). Since *Towheed* is the central belief of a *Mu'min*, it is also repeatedly mentioned in many of the *Surahs*.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

In the first two verses, Allaah takes two oaths to emphasise that the advent of *Qiyaamah* is inevitable. **“Does man think that We shall never gather his bones?...until the words ...When will Day of Qiyaamah come?”** [verses 3 to 6]. In these verses, Allaah condemns the *Mushrikeen* for thinking that He cannot resurrect them, whereas the feat is not difficult at all for Allaah. Allaah will even reproduce their original fingerprints when resurrecting their decayed corpses.

In verses 7 to 15, Allaah warns people about the *Aakhirah*. Allaah conveys the message to *Rasulullaah* ﷺ that He can easily embed the *Qur'aan* within *Rasulullaah* ﷺ's heart without any effort just as He can combine the sun and the moon and resurrect people with as fine a detail as their fingerprints.

Allaah then chides people in verses 20 and 21 for preferring the world to the *Aakhirah*. Thereafter, Allaah promises good fortune of certain people, when he says, **“Many faces (the faces of the people in Jannah) on that day (of Qiyaamah) will be resplendent, looking at their Rabb.”** On the contrary, there will be others not so fortunate, who will have to suffer punishment on the Day of *Qiyaamah*, as mentioned in verses 24 to 30.

In the remaining verses of the *Surah*, Allaah again condemns those who think that man has been created without a definite a purpose. Allaah also conveys the message that He can easily resurrect people because He is the one who created them the first time.

سُوْرَةُ الْقِيَامَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ الْبَعْثُ وَيَتَوَفَّى فِيهَا الرُّسُلُ
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ٥

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

لَا أُقْسِمُ بِيَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ ٥

1. I swear by the Day of Qiyaamah!

وَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِالنَّفْسِ اللَّوَّامَةِ ٦

2. And I swear by the rebuking Nafs (the inner voice that reprimands a person when he does wrong or when his good deeds are deficient) !

يَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنَّنَّ نَجْمَعُ عِظَامَهُ ٧

3. Does man think that We shall never gather his bones (to resurrect him on the Day of Qiyaamah) ?

بَلَىٰ قَدْ يَدْرِينَّ عَلَىٰ أَن نُّسَوِّيَ بَنَانَهُ ٨

4. Why not? (We most certainly will!) We have the power to perfect even his fingertips! (When We resurrect him, We will even reproduce to perfection details as fine as his fingertips.)

بَلْ يُرِيدُ الْإِنْسَانُ لِيَفْجَرًا مَّامَهُ ٩

5. The fact is that man (refutes Qiyaamah because he) wants to (continue to) sin (in the life) ahead of him. (He knows that if he believes in Qiyaamah, he will have to stop sinning in preparation for it.)

يَسْأَلُ أَيَّانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَمَةِ ١٠

6. He (sarcastically) asks, "When will the Day of Qiyaamah come?"

فَإِذَا بَرِقَ الْبَصَرُ ١١

7. When eyes will be bewildered (dazed out of extreme fear)...

وَحَسَفَ الْقَمَرُ ۙ

8. ...the moon will eclipse (lose its light)...

وَجُمِعَ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ ۚ

9. ...and the sun and moon will be joined (and both will be without light)...

يَقُولُ الْإِنْسَانُ يَوْمَئِذٍ أَيْنَ الْمَفْرَجُ ۖ

10. ...man will say on that day, "Where is an escape?"

كَلَّا لَا وَفَرَ ۖ

11. No! There is definitely no place of safety (to escape).

إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْمُسْتَقَرُّ ۖ

12. On this day, the only abode (place of safety) shall be towards your Rabb.

يُنَبِّئُ الْإِنْسَانُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِمَا قَدَّمَ وَأَخَّرَ ۖ

13. On that day man will be informed of whatever (actions) he had sent ahead (carried out) and left behind (in the world without carrying out).

بَلِ الْإِنْسَانُ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ بَصِيرَةٌ ۚ

14. In reality, man will be well aware of himself (of the wrongs he did)...

وَلَوْ أَنفَىٰ مَعَاذِيرُهُ ۖ

15. ...even though he will make excuses (in an attempt to prove his innocence).

لَا تَحْرِكْ بِهِ لِسَانَكَ لِتَعْجَلَ بِهِ ۖ

16. (When revelation used to come to Rasullullah ﷺ, he repented the words immediately upon hearing them, fearing that he would forget them. In this manner, the physical strain on him was increased. Affectionately advising him not to exert himself so much, Allaah says,) **Do not move your tongue with the** (words of the) **Qur'aan to hasten it.** (Allaah commanded Rasullullah ﷺ to first listen attentively to the recitation of the Qur'aan and only then to repeat the words.)

إِنَّا عَلَيْنَا جَمْعُهُ وَقُرْآنَهُ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Verily, it is Our responsibility to collect it (to make you memorise the words of the Qur'aan) **and to make you recite it.**

فَإِذَا قُرَأْنَهُ فَاتَّبِعْ قُرْآنَهُ ﴿١٨﴾

18. So when We have recited it (via Jibra'eel عليه السلام), **follow its recitation** (once the recitation has been completed).

ثُمَّ إِنَّا عَلَيْنَا بَيَانَهُ ﴿١٩﴾

19. Thereafter, (after We have revealed it,) **it is Our responsibility to make it clear.** (We will ensure that you are able to recite it clearly to people and to convey it to them.)

كَلَّا بَلْ تُحِبُّونَ الْعَاجِلَةَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. (Addressing those who deny the coming of Qiyaamah, Allaah says,) It shall not be (as you say. Qiyaamah will certainly take place). **The fact is that you** (deny Qiyaamah because you) **love this world...**

وَتَذَرُونَ الْآخِرَةَ ﴿٢١﴾

21. ...and you forsake the Aakhirah.

وُجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ تَأْضِرُّهُ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. Many faces (of the people in Jannah) **on that day** (of Qiyaamah) **will be resplendent** (shining brightly)...

إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا نَاظِرَةٌ ﴿٢٣﴾

23. ... (while) looking at their Rabb.

وُجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِأَسْرَةٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. And many faces on that day will be gloomy...

تُظُنُّ أَنْ يُفْعَلَ بِهَا فَاقِرَةٌ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. ...sensing that they will be dealt with most severely.

كَلَّا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ التَّرَاقِيَ ۝

26. **Never!** (This world can never be preferred over the Akhirah, especially because people have to leave the world and everything in it behind when they die. Death is that time) **When the soul reaches the collar-bone...**

وَقِيلَ مَنْ يَنْقُزُكَ ۝

27. ...and it is said (by those around the dying person.), “Who can cure (save) him?”

وَوَظَنَ أَنَّهُ الْفِرَاقُ ۝

28. ... (They ask this) while certain that this is really the parting (from this world and that none can save him).

وَالْتَفَتِ السَّاقُ بِالسَّاقِ ۝

29. (Death is the time) **When one leg is planted close to the other** (as the dying person prepares for death)...

إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْمَسَاقُ ۝

١٤٧

30. ...on this day you will be drawn towards your Rabb.

فَلَا صَدَّقَ وَلَا صَلَّىٰ ۝

31. **So** (if the dying person was a Kaafir, his plight will be a terrible one because) **he neither accepted (Imaan) nor performed salaah...**

وَلَكِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ۝

32. ...but instead he rejected (Imaan and Islaam) and walked away (from the one calling him to Islaam).

ثُمَّ ذَهَبَ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ يَتَمَطَّىٰ ۝

33. **Then** (without regret and without searching for the truth) **he went to his family in arrogance (defiantly).**

أَوَّلَىٰ لَكَ فَأُولَىٰ ۝

34. Woe to you (O Kaafir) and woe to you again!

ثُمَّ أَوَّلَىٰ لَكَ فَأَوَّلَىٰ ۖ

35. Woe to you yet again and again!

أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدًى ۖ

36. Does man think that he will be left to be (free without being required to fulfil Allaah's commands and without being called to account for his actions) ?

الْمَرِيكَ نُطْفَةٍ مِّن مَّنِيٍّ يُمْنَىٰ ۖ

37. Was he (man) not a discharge of semen (in the womb at one stage)...

ثُمَّ كَانَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقَ فَسَوَّىٰ ۖ

38. ...after which he developed into a clot of blood and then He (Allaah) created him and perfected him?

فَجَعَلَ مِنْهُ الزَّوْجَيْنِ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَىٰ ۖ

39. Then Allaah made among him (mankind) two sexes, male and female?

أَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ بِقَدْرِ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَىٰ ۚ

٢
١٨

40. Does He (Allaah Who created mankind from nothing) then not have the power to resurrect the dead (on the Day of Qiyaamah) ?